

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are honored to recognize milestone events in  
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that the Reverend  
6 Robert J. Roll is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his  
7 ordination as a priest; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Robert J. Roll was born on January 14,  
9 1951 to the late John Joseph and Rosemary B. Manicki Roll; he  
10 is the brother of Jan Baumgartner and Claudia Roll; and

11 WHEREAS, Father Roll attended Orchard Place Grammar  
12 School and Our Lady of Hope Grammar School and graduated from  
13 Quigley Seminary North High School in 1969; he earned his  
14 bachelor's degree in 1973 from Niles College of Loyola and  
15 received his Master of Divinity degree from St. Mary of the  
16 Lake Seminary in 1977; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Robert Roll was ordained on May 11,  
18 1977 by John Cardinal Cody; he celebrated his first Mass on  
19 May 13, 1977 at Our Lady of Hope Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Robert J. Roll was assigned as pastor  
21 of Saints Peter and Paul on February 1, 1986; he had  
22 previously served at St. Constance Parish in Chicago from  
23 1977 to 1983, St. Giles Parish in Oak Park from 1983 to 1985,  
24 and St. Cornelius Parish from 1985 to 1986; he also worked  
25 with the Archdiocesan Office of Radio and Television from  
26 1977 to 1980 and served as a Deacon at St. Anne's Parish from  
27 1976 to 1977; and

28 WHEREAS, Father Roll's other assignments include his  
29 participation in the radio program, "Polonia Today" with Chet  
30 and Dolores Schafer, service as a Non-Resident Pastor of St.  
31 Maurice Parish since 1997, and Archdiocesan Dean from 1998 to

1 2001; and

2 WHEREAS, Upon his arrival at Saints Peter and Paul  
3 Parish, Father Roll immediately undertook the establishment  
4 of a needed Senior Citizens Organization, now called "The  
5 Friendship Club"; soon after, the Our Lady of Guadalupe  
6 Society was established to serve the members of the  
7 Mexican-American community; and

8 WHEREAS, Father Roll has a lasting love for the arts that  
9 started with his family and then was deepened by the  
10 influence of Monsignor Joseph Mroczkowski, the choir director  
11 at Quigley Seminary North; Father Roll rededicated the Church  
12 to bringing the fine arts to the Southwest Side of Chicago,  
13 including annual concerts by renowned musical talents and  
14 forming and fashioning different venues such as Octoberfest,  
15 Taste of Paulina Festivals, and the Heart of Saints Peter and  
16 Paul Celebrations; his most outstanding achievement was the  
17 Centennial Mass and Navy Pier Celebration in 1995; and

18 WHEREAS, The members of Saints Peter and Paul Parish will  
19 celebrate Father Robert Roll's 25th Anniversary as a priest  
20 on May 19, 2002; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
23 we congratulate Reverend Robert J. Roll on the celebration of  
24 his 25th anniversary of his ordination; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
26 presented to the Reverend Robert J. Roll as an expression of  
27 our esteem.